Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System



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Established in 1938, KTRS provides

Retirement Security

For Kentucky's Educators

Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System A Brief History

- In 1936, the University of Kentucky studied the possible need for a retirement system for teachers and concluded:
 - Teachers could not afford to retire.
 - School districts were faced with continued employment of teachers unable to perform effectively.
 - Teachers were not allowed to participate in Social Security.
 - Kentucky was finding it hard to attract and retain teachers.
- KTRS was established in 1938 and funded by the General Assembly in 1940.



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A Defined Benefit Group Retirement Plan was established to provide retirement benefits for local school districts and other public educational agencies in the state.

Current employers comprised of:



175 local school districts



17 Department of Education Agencies



Five Regional
Universities & all
Community Colleges



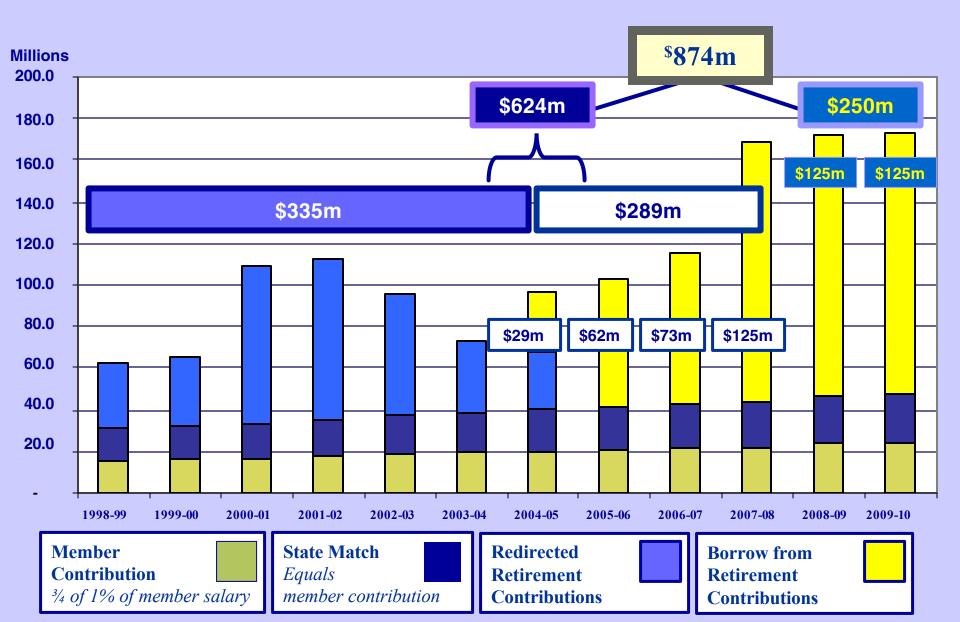
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KTRS is unique when compared to other public pension plans.

- By statute, there is a fixed employer contribution rate.
- Most members are not eligible for Social Security benefits.
- One of only three states providing this level of retiree health care.
- Only state "borrowing" from pension plan to fund retiree health care.

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Primary Funding for Medical Insurance Fund



KTRS is unique when compared to other public pension plans.

- KTRS is a mature pension plan with a high percentage of members currently eligible to retire.
- Paid sick leave accumulations spike final average salaries (K-12).
 - not subject to the inviolable contract.
 - if benefit removed—retirements would spike.

Field of Membership

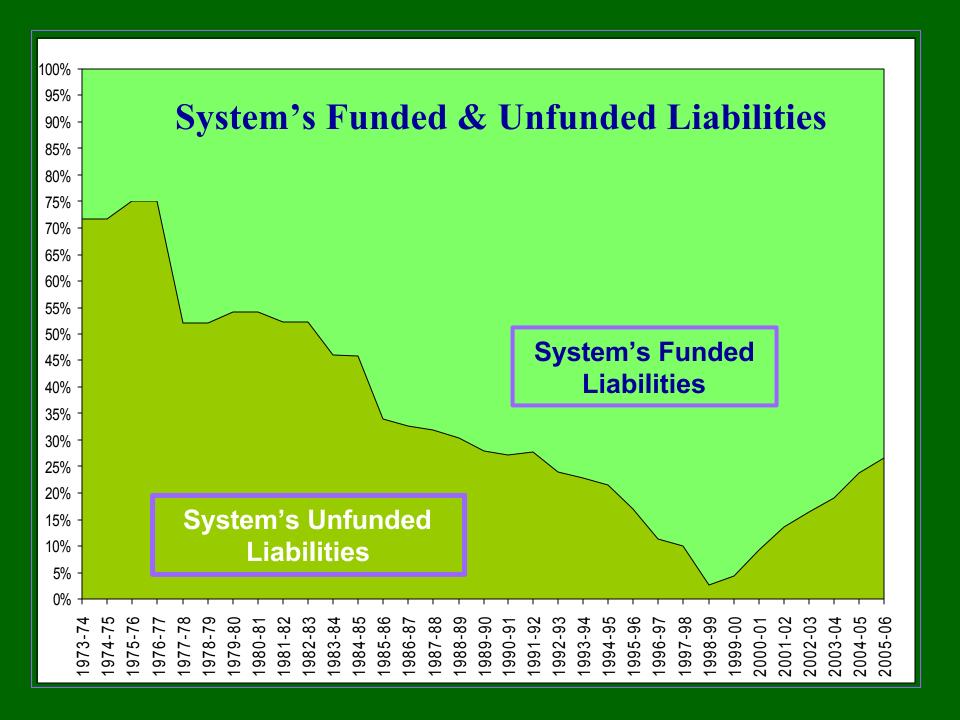
as of December 2007

Active	0 – 26 Years	Non-eligible	44,531
	27+ Years*	Eligible	<u>14,620</u>
	Total Active		59,151
	Sub/PT/Retir	ed Return to Work	<u>15,527</u>
	Total Contrib	outing Members	74,678
Inactive		•••••	16,579
Retired, Ben	eficiaries & Su	arvivors	40,347
Total	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	131,604

^{*} and/or age 55 with 5 or more years of service within the next fiscal year

Recap of Actuarial Status of the System at June 30, 2007

	Assets	Liabilities	Unfunded	Percent
Pre-funded Retirement Benefit	15,285.0	21,255.0	5,970.0	71.9%
Pay-as-you-go Medical Benefit	140.8	5,928.8	5,788.0	2.4%
	15,425.8	27,183.8	11,758.0	

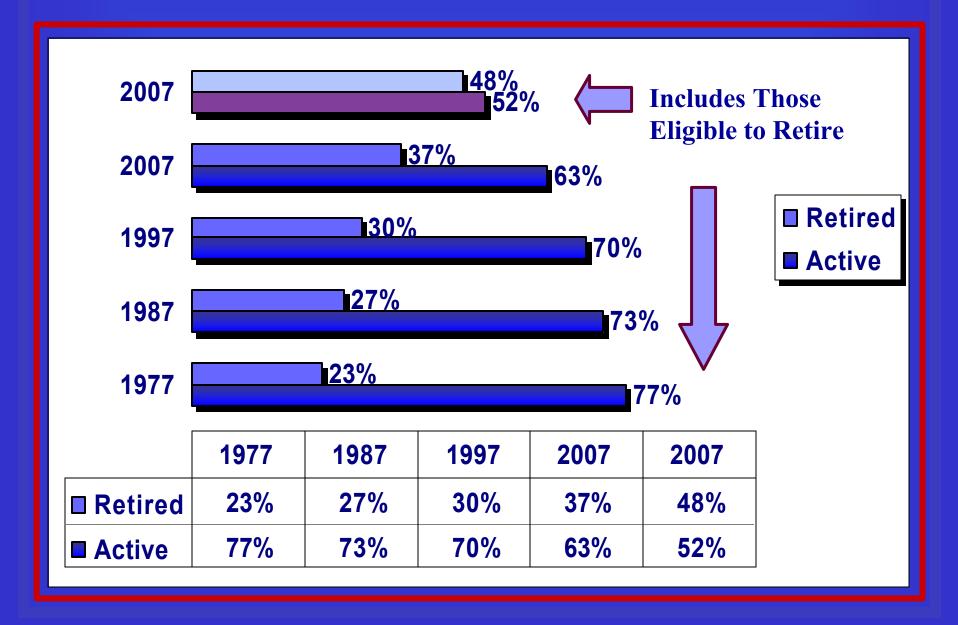


Review of Kentucky Retired Teachers' Health Benefits

KTRS Medical Benefit

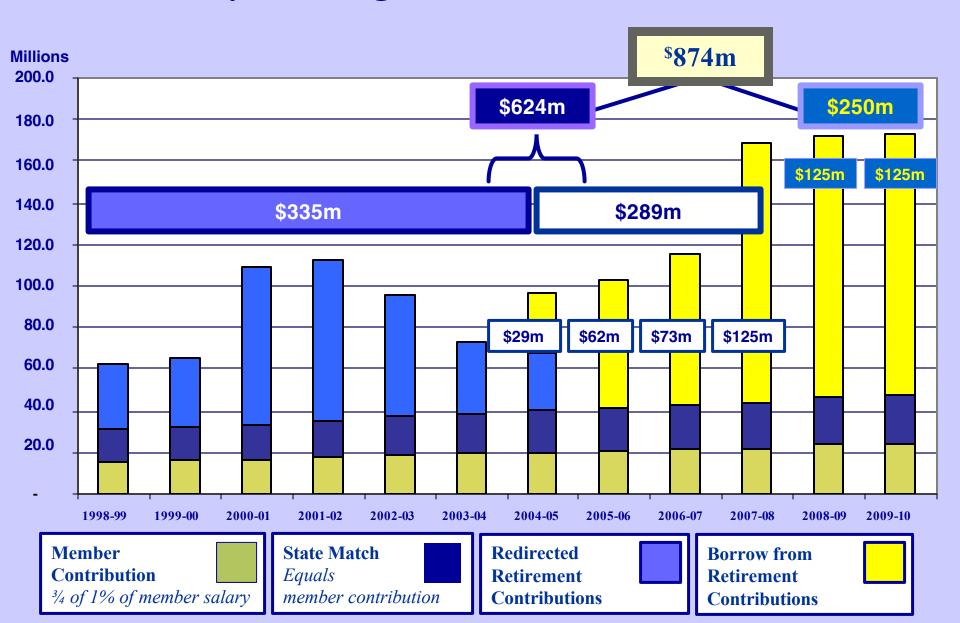
- Funding for retiree medical insurance is on a pay-as-you-go basis (started in 1964).
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% member contribution + $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% employer contribution = 1.5% of payroll.
- Medical costs have increased as well as number of covered retirees.
- To continue funding through 2008, the Commonwealth will borrow \$289 million from the KTRS Pension Fund.
- Need for medical insurance funding to be in the General Budget in lieu of borrowing from the KTRS Pension Fund.

Ratio of Active Teachers to Retired Teachers



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Primary Funding for Medical Insurance Fund



Actuarial Update

KTRS Pension Fund:

- Borrowing from the Pension Fund to sustain retiree medical insurance does impact actuarial soundness.
- Most recent actuarial report informed KTRS of need for an employer contribution increase in the 2008 Regular Session from 1.88% to 2.46%.

Review of Kentucky Retired Teachers' Health Benefits

Kentucky Retired Teachers' Health Insurance is provided in two plans:

- Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP)
 For Retirees Under Age 65
- Medicare Eligible Health Plan (MEHP)
 For Retirees <u>Age 65 & Over</u>

Review of Kentucky Retired Teachers' Health Benefits

KEHP

Plan includes:

- school district employees
- state employees
- some local government employees
- teacher retirees under age 65
- state, county & city retirees under age 65
- Plan moved to self-insurance in 2006

Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Cost of Single Coverage

Plan Year			
2004		286.16	
2005	43.2%	409.86	
		Executive Budget	FINAL BUDGET
2006	19.3%	488.96	432.00
2006 2007 Fiscal Year 13.5%	19.3% 5.9%	488.96 457.70	432.00 <i>TBA</i>

Review of Kentucky Retired Teachers' Health Benefits

MEHP

- Self-Insured Plan since 1992.
- Consists of two components-medical benefits & drug benefits
- * Medical benefits delivered by Humana, drug benefits delivered by Medco.
- Premiums in 2006 were \$315/month.
- Premiums in 2007 were \$283/month.
- Premiums in 2008 are \$278/month.

1992

Self-insurance used for retirees. 1998

- Air-time purchases at full actuarial cost.
- High 3 at age 55 with27 years of service.

2001

Eliminated double-dipping of medical benefits.

2002

- Medical insurance benefit reduced for new hires.
- Return-to-work salaries limited after required breaks-in-service.
- Limit on number of retirees that can return full-time.

2002 continued ...

- Benefit multipliers lowered for new hires.
- Field of membership significantly expanded.
- Disability retirement reformed.

2004

Service credit purchases moved to full actuarial cost.

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Retirement Trends

Analysis of June, July & August Retirements 2002 vs. 2007

	2002		2007			
SERVICE	Average Age	Count	Percent	Average Age	Count	Percent
< 27 years	60	259	16%	60	320	28%
27 – 27.99 years	52	546	33%	54	239	21%
28 + years	56	855	51%	56	572	51%
	55	1,660	100%	56	1,131	100%

Two Federal Programs Utilized to Save Medical Costs in the MEHP Program

2006

- Medicare Prescription Part D.
 - Saves over \$10 million annually.

2007

- Medicare Advantage Private Fee For Service.
 - Saves over \$11 million annually.

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KTRS joined with other retirement systems to form the Public Sector Healthcare Roundtable to address retiree health care costs on a national level.

Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System a Defined Benefit Group Retirement Plan

A Unique Comparison of ...

The Defined Benefit
Group Retirement Plan

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The Defined Contribution Individual Savings Account

The DB Group Retirement Plan

- A guaranteed monthly payment for life.
- Assets that are pooled and professionally invested at low cost.
- Market conditions have no bearing on the timing of your retirement.
- Market downturns do not impact your payment.

How much is needed for retirement?

Financial planners recommend retirement income of 80% to 100% of your final salary depending on the adequacy of provided health insurance.

What's the best way to achieve financial retirement security?

Defined Benefit

Group Retirement Plan

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Average age

78/81

Defined Contribution

Individual Savings Account

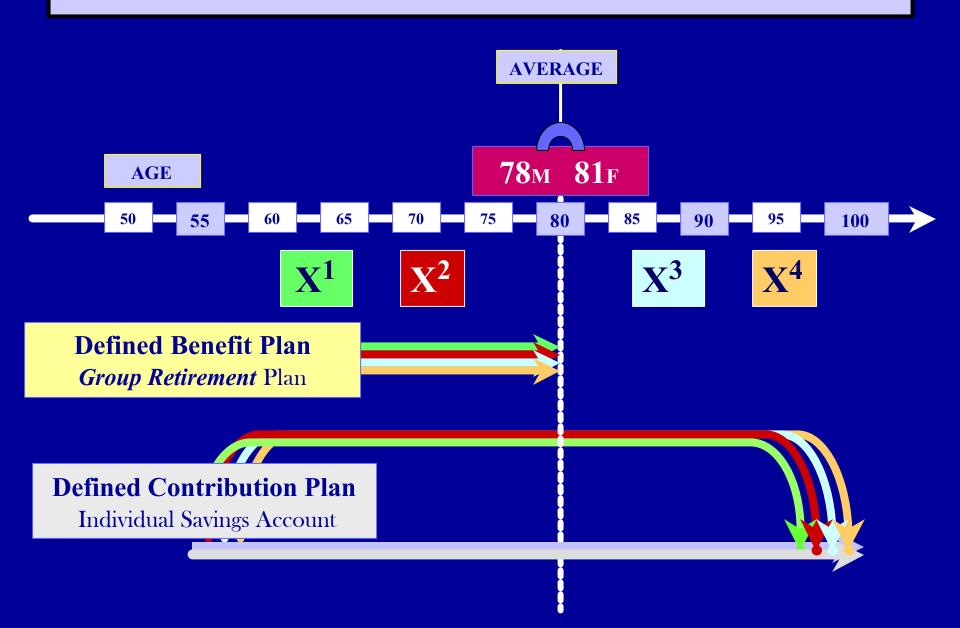




Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Retiree Analysis

Retiree AGE	
Age 100 years old or more	37
Age 95-99 years old	266
Age 90-94 years old	758
Age 80-89 years old	3,687
TOTAL RETIREES	4,748

Which costs more?



Retirement Plan Efficiency

TABLE 6

Type of Plan	Provisions	Vesting Period	Efficiency Index
Defined benefit	Final average pay, subsidized early retirement	5	80
Defined benefit	Career average	5	76
Cash balance	Flat contribution	5	57
Cash balance	Contribution increases with service	5	60
Defined contribution	Flat contribution	Immediate	45

<u>Contingencies</u>; How Efficient are Retirement Programs in Delivering Dollars to Retirees. Sept/Oct .07 issue

Aon Consulting Ron Destefano, Actuary

The Average Career Educator

- Retires at age 56.
- With 30 years service.
- With a pension equal to 72% of their final average salary.
- With a medical benefit on a pay-as-yougo basis.
- Does not have a social security benefit.

Membership Analysis

August 2006 – July 2007

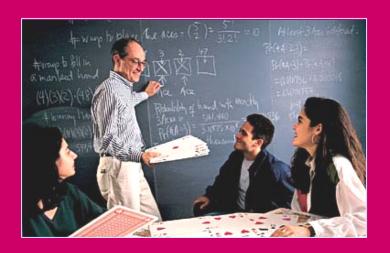
	Retirees for the period	New Hires for the period
Average beginning teaching age	27	31
Average contract salary	\$58,363	\$35,344
Average age at retirement	56	N/A
Average retirement benefit	\$36,232	N/A

Positive Impact of KTRS

- * For Members
- * For School Districts
- * For State & Local Economies

For Members

- Provides retirement security for those who have devoted their careers to teaching.
 - A life-time retirement benefit determined by the member's length of service and salary.
 - A medical benefit provided on a pay-as-you-go basis.



For School Districts

- Provides a benefit to attract and retain quality teachers.
- * When teachers retire, this provides positions for new teachers and promotions for current teachers.
- When teachers retire, this reduces payroll costs as retiring teachers are replaced by new teachers.



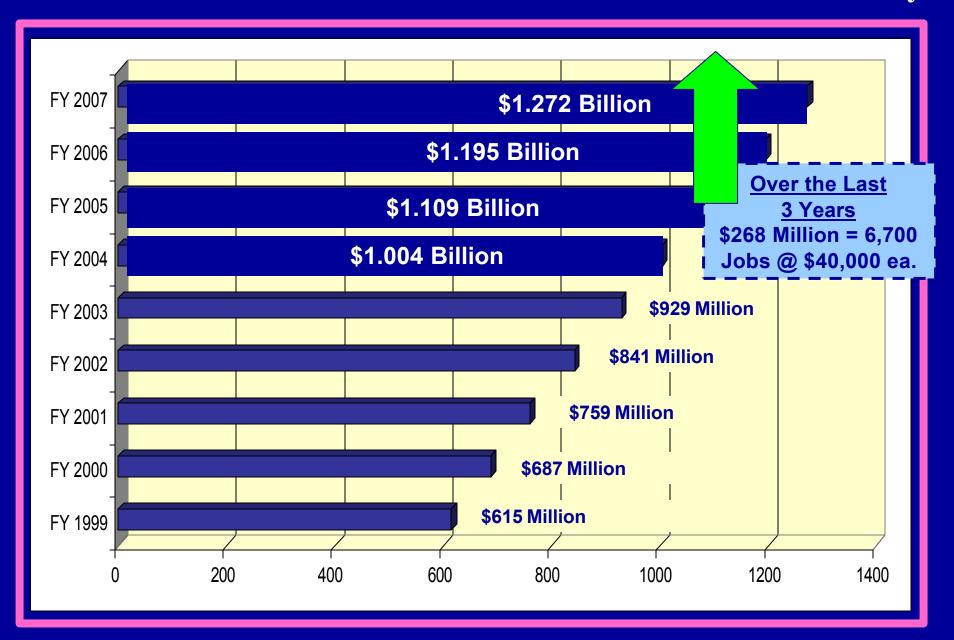
For State & Local Economies

- KTRS pays monthly:
 - \$91 million in retirement annuity benefits
 - \$14 million in medical benefits
- 39,332 retirees, beneficiaries & survivors
- 93% of KTRS retirees live in Kentucky



Retired teachers have a significant economic impact in every county in Kentucky.

KTRS Distributes Hundreds of Millions of Dollars Annually



Teachers' Savings + Employer Match are Invested & Provide Benefits



Investment Earnings
[20.0 yrs]

1 5 10 15 20 25 30+

Years of Retirement

Annualized Returns

Total Return on KTRS Investments thru Fiscal Year End 2007

			Lehman Gov./Credit			
	S&P 500	KTRS	High Quality	KTRS	KTRS	KTRS
Year	Index	Stocks	Index	Bonds	Real Estate	Total Portfolio
1 Year Return	20.6%	20.6%	5.7%	6.3%	8.2%	15.3%
5 Year Return	10.7%	10.7%	4.4%	4.7%	9.6%	8.5%
10 Year Return	7.1%	7.8%	6.0%	6.2%	9.3%	7.1%
15 Year Return	11.2%	11.5%	6.3%	6.6%	9.3%	8.8%
20 Year Return	10.8%	11.2%	N/A	7.5%	9.0%	9.1%



HB 600 Senate
Committee
Substitute

PROPOSED PLAN FOR KERS & CERS **NONHAZARDOUS** MEMBERS: EFFECTIVE 7/1/2008 FOR NEW HIRES

Retirement Provision	Current plan for New Hires	HB 600: As Passed by the H		HB 600: Senate Committee Substitute		
Employee Contribution	5% to pension (refundable	5% to defined benefit pension (refundal 1% to health (non-refundable) 6% total	ble w/int.) -	4% to defined benefit pension (refundable w/int.) 1% to annuity savings account 1% to health (non-refundable) 6% total		
Final Compensation	, o	 Average of the highest 5 fiscal years, 60 months. lump-sum comp. payments at retirent included 		Average of the 60 months of service prior to retirement. Iump-sum comp. payments at retirement not included		
Benefit factor	• KERS: 1.97%	KERS & CERS		KERS & CER	<u>S</u>	
	• CERS: 2.00%	Yrs. Service At Retirement	Benefit Factor	Yrs. Service At Retirement	Benefit Factor	
		10 or less Greater than 10, but no more than 20	1.10% 1.30%	Up to 30 years Additional years above 30	1.14% 1.75%	
		Greater than 20, but no more than 26 Greater than 26, but no more than 30 Additional years above 30	1.50% 1.75% 2.00%			
		As a member reaches the specific sen benefit factor increases for all service the 2.00% multiplier only applies to ser excess of 30 years.	vice level, the credit except	The benefit factor remains constant for the service credit tier.		
Annuity Savings Account				Employee contribution: 1% (as not Employer contribution: - 2% lump-sum payment of annua completion of 5 years of service payment). - 2.00% monthly if the employee but no more than 10 years ser - 2.25% monthly if the employee 10 but no more than 20 years - 2.50% monthly if the employee 20 years service. Plan Management: The retirement manage the accounts. For the first will be managed in the same asseretirement system investments. Af employee can choose same asseretirement systems or a different a aggressive/more conservative).	I salarv upon ce credit (one time ee has greater than 5 vice. ee has greater than service. ee has greater than systems will t 5 years the funds t allocation as the fter that date, the t allocation as the	

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When Can They Retire: Unreduced Benefit	Any age/ w 27 years of service or Age 65 w/4 years of service	• Rule of 85: Age + service must equal 85 years at retirement except that the employee must be at least 55 years of age to retire under this provision; or • Age 65 w/5 years of service	 Rule of 87: Age + service must equal 87 years at retirement except that the employee must be at least 57 years of age to retire under this provision; or Age 65 w/5 years of service.
When Can They Retire:	Any age w/25 years of service or	Age 55 w/10 years of service	Age 62 w/10 years of service
Reduced Benefit	Age 55 w/5 years of service		
Penalty on Reduced Benefit	Amount determined by actuary	Amount determined by actuary +1%	Amount determined by actuary
Medical Insurance	FOR NEW HIRES AFTER 07/03: • 10 years of earned service at retirement to be eligible for insurance benefits. • Benefit of \$10 per month for each year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount; adjusted by CPI annually.	FOR NEW HIRES AFTER 07/08: • Same except increase earned service requirement to be eligible for benefits to 15 years and adjust benefit annually by 1.5% instead of CPI-U.	FOR NEW HIRES AFTER 07/08: • Same as current plan except require the employee to be age 65 w/15 years of service or age 60 w/20 years of service and adjust by 1.5% instead of CPI-U. • If the employee retires with the level of service credit required but has not reached the age requirement, the employee will be able to purchase coverage through the systems at full cost until reaching the age requirement. • Reemployed retiree required to take coverage through employer.
Sick Leave at Retirement	KERS: Unlimited amount used toward determining retirement benefits, does not count towards eligibility. CERS: Optional for employer and employer chooses level.	Limit to 12 months for purposes of determining monthly benefits.	Same as House Plan but all costs paid by last participating employer.
Cost of living Adjustment	Annual increase not to exceed based on the percent change in CPI; may be suspended by Legislature.	 Annual increase of 1.5%; may be suspended by Legislature. General Assembly may provide additional COLA in excess of 1.5% in the future. 	No automatic COLA. Allow employee to select an actuarially reduced benefit payment to receive a specified COLA upon retirement.
Distribution of funds before retirement	Employee contribution plus interest at rate determined by the board.	• Employee contribution plus interest at rate of 2.5%	 Same as House plan for defined benefit component. Annuity Savings Account: Employee vested for account balance and investment return when created.
Service purchases	100% of actuarial cost as determined by the board.	Ensure the actuarial cost includes COLA and earliest eligible retirement date.	Same as House Plan.
	In most cases, does not count towards retirement eligibility.	Tightens provisions to ensure no service purchases count towards retirement eligibility.	

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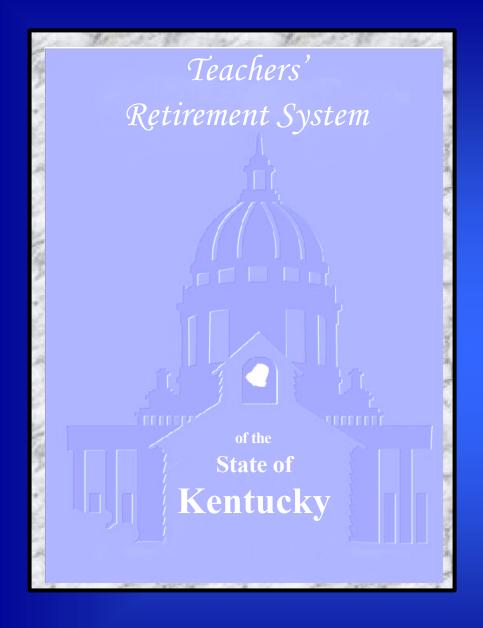
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Retirement Provision	Current plan for New Hires	HB 600: As Pass	HB 600: Senate Committee Substitute	
Employee Contribution	FOR TEACHERS:	FOR TEACHERS:	SAME AS HOUSE PLAN	
	9.105% to pension (refundable w/int.)	9.105% to pension (refund		
	0.750% to health (non-refundable)	1.750% to health (non-refu		
	9.855% total	10.855% total		
	FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES:	FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLO		
	7.625% to pension (refundable w/int.)	7.625% to pension (refund	able w/int.)	
	0.750% to health (non-refundable)	1.750% to health (non-refu	ndable)	
	8.375% total	9.375% total		
Final Compensation	Highest 5 years of earnings	SAME AS BEFORE		
Highest 3 years if employee has 27 years of service		lump-sum comp. and vac payment for sick leave to accumulated		
Benefit factor	FOR NEW TEACHERS AFTER 07/02:	FOR NEW TEACHERS	İ	
	? 2.0% if you have less than 10 years.	Yrs. Service At Retirement	Benefit Factor	ļ
	? 2.5% if you have more than 10 years.			
	? 3.0% for service in excess of 30 years.	10 or less	1.70%	
	FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES	Greater than 10, but no	2.00%	
	• 2.0%	more than 20	0.000/	
		Greater than 20, but no more than 26	2.30%	
		Greater than 26, but no more than 30	2.50%	
		Additional years above 30	3.00%	
		FOR NEW UNIVERSITY E		
		Yrs. Service At Retirement	Benefit Factor	
		10 or less Greater than 10, but no more than 20	1.50% 1.70%	
		Greater than 20, but less than 27	1.85%	
		27 or more	2.00%	
		As a member reaches the increases for all service cr teachers only applies to se		
When Can They Retire:	Age 60 w/5 years of service or '	No change]	
Unreduced Benefit	Any age/ w 27 years of service			1
When Can They Retire: Reduced Benefit	Age 55 w/5 years of service	Age 55 w/10 years of ser		

Penalty on Reduced Benefit	5% for each year short of ur	nreduced benefit.	6% for each year short of unreduced benefit.		
Medical Insurance	FOR NEW HIRES AFTER 07/02:		FOR NEW HIRES AFTER 07/08:		
	Years of Service	% of Premium Paid for	Increase minimum service requirement to 15 years.		
	Tears of Dervice	Retiree			
	Less than 5:	0%			
	5/9/1999	10%			
	10/14/1999 25% 15-19.99 45%				
	20-24.99	65%			
	25-25.99	90%			
	26-26.99	95%			
	27 or more:	100%			
Cost of living Adjustment	t of living Adjustment 1.5% COLA plus ad hoc amount provided by General Assembly		No Changes		
Distribution of funds before retirement	Employee contribution plus in annum.	nterest at 3% per	 Employee contribution plus interest at rate of 2.5% per annum. 		
Service purchases	 100% of actuarial cost as determined by the board. Can count towards vesting for pension and health benefits. 		 Remove purchase of "non-qualified service" except for up to 10 months in case retiring teacher with 26 years, 2 months of service but less than 27 years of service. 		

Retirement Provision	HB 600: As Passed by the House	HB 600: Senate Committee Substitute
Cost of living Adjustment	Beginning July 1, 2009, current and future KERS, CERS, and SPRS retirees will receive a set 1.5% cost of living adjustment. Provides that the General Assembly may provide an additional COLA if pre-funded by the General Assembly.	 Retired prior to July 1, 2018: Same as House plan except the COLA is tied to following plan funding requirements established by the Senate plan (see table on following page for funding requirements). Retired on or after July 1, 2018: No automatic COLA. Allow employee to select an actuarially reduced benefit payment to receive a specified COLA upon retirement.
Reemployment After Retirement	Under the provisions of the bill, retirees who return to work on or after July 1, 2008, will be required to observe a one month break in employment. Provided the break is observed, the employee can return to work, draw their pension, but will not contribute to the systems or earn a second pension. The employer will	Same as House Plan but require 12 month break in employment.
Payment of Sick Leave for Current Employees	 KERS: Unlimited amount used toward determining retirement benefits. The first six months are paid by the trust, remaining months are paid by the last participating employer. SPRS: Unlimited amount used toward determining retirement benefits. All months are paid by the trust. 	KERS & SPRS: All months paid by the last participating employer.
Partial Lump Sum Payment Option	Removes partial lump sum option for employees retiring on or after July 1, 2008	Same as House Plan
Determination of Service Purchase Costs	Ensure the actuarial cost includes COLA and earliest eligible retirement date.	Same as House Plan

PROPOSED CHANGES ON GOVERNANCE						
Retirement Provision	HB 600: As Passed by the House	HB 600: Senate Committee Substitute				
Investment/Funding	Kentucky Public Pension Financing Advisory	Establishes ARC funding schedule in bill.				
Oversight	Commission: Establish a commission to examine pension fund investment experience, asset allocations, securities litigation programs, and investment benchmarks. This Commission will prepare recommendations for the 2010 General Assembly and future sessions of the General Assembly for a long-term funding strategy to ensure that the state phases into its full ARC by 2020.	 Establishes a commission similar to the Concensus Forecasting Group that is comprised of seven individuals with pension and investment experience and credentials. The commission shall examine pension fund investment experience, asset allocations, securities litigation programs, and investment benchmarks, and shall make periodic reports to the General Assembly and the Governor. 				
Additional Legislative Oversight		The bill creates a subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission, the Public Employee Benefits Oversight Committee, to review the plan's financial status on an annual basis, provide reports to the General Assembly, and to make recommendations regarding the plans. The Committee shall also be charged with reviewing the state				
Retirement Systems Board of Trustees	Establish requirements for additional pension board trustee education and increase transparency regarding board meetings, investments, and board actions.	Same as House plan				
Inviolable Contract	No change	Removes inviolable contract provisions for employees who begin participating on or after July 1, 2008.				
Classified School Board Employees	Authorizes study to examine possibility of transferring school board employees in CERS to KTRS.	 Establishes separate pension plan for city/county government employees, titled the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LGERS) in new Chapter (78A). Classified school employees will retain membership in CERS. Direct the Kentucky Retirement Systems 				

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CURRENT	BUDGET AMOUNT IN GOV HOUSE PLAN AM		D BUDGET/		SENATE PRO	POSED PLAN	
 Executive Branch Budget (as proposed by Governor) proposes the following employer contribution rates over the biennium: 			 Senate plan calls for the following employer contribution rates for the upcoming biennium: 				
rates for both hazardous • HB 600 (as	KERS Non-hazardous 8.50% 8.50% 6 employer contribution rate 8.50% 6 employer contribution rate 8 th years of the biennium at 8 and hazardous respectively 9 passed by the House) and 8 Advisory Commission to est	15.58% and 31.99% requires the Public P	for non- ension	years of the trespectively. • For fiscal years	KERS Non-hazardous 10.01% 11.61% employer contribution rates a biennium at 11.08% and 27.4 ars beyond 2010, establishes uired contribution. KERS Non-hazardous 44% 48% 53% 57% 61% 65% 69% 73% 77% 81%	19% for non-hazardou	s and hazardous



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